



PROGRAMS

**Tours
&
Events**

NOVEMBER 2015

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

Junior Ranger Fun!

11/8 at 1:00PM (45 minutes)

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

11/8 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

Bay Trail Walk

11/29 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Take a one-hour leisurely stroll along the Bay Trail and explore home front history with a park ranger.

MONDAYS:

What We Wore During the War

11/2, 11/23 at 11:00 AM (30 minutes)

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

Games and Toys for Girls and Boys

11/23 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Wartime was deadly serious for grown-ups, but for kids, it was a time for adventure. Let's explore how children had fun during the war years: costumes, riding toys, board games, ships and planes and trains, the comics, and more!

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori

Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

TUESDAYS:

“Of Lost Conversations” (First Come – First Served Seating*)

11/3, 11/10, 11/17 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

*Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.

What We Wore During the War

11/24 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

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WEDNESDAYS

Richmond Bus Tour with Armand Johnson (RESERVATION ONLY)

11/4 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)

Hop aboard with Ranger Armand Johnson for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

THURSDAYS:

“Of Lost Conversations” (First Come – First Served Seating*)

11/5, 11/12, 11/19 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

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Blossoms and Thorns

11/5, 11/12, 11/19 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

Warbling through the War Years

11/12, 11/19 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)

World War II produced popular music from jitterbug to broken hearts, which we'll see and hear through samples from radio, records, and the movies.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

11/6, 11/13, 11/20 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

Rationing on the Home Front

11/27 at 12:30 PM (45 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Learn about food rationing and share a sweet treat invented by wartime bakers.

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager

11/6 at 2:30 PM (45 minutes)

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a ranger for a 45-minute program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

SATURDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

11/7, 11/14, 11/21 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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First Friend - The Love Affair of Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt.

11/7 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)

Pioneer Lesbian Playwright and Actor, Terry Baum, will talk about Eleanor Roosevelt's love affair with hard-living, butch reporter, Lorena Hickok, their 30-year relationship and their humanitarian work. **Space is limited and reservations are required for this program. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.**

The WWII Enemy Alien Program & Lessons For Today

11/14 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)

Over 70 years ago, thousands of German, Italian and Japanese immigrants in the US and Latin America experienced arrest, forced relocation, internment, and even deportation to war zones because of their nationality. What can we learn from our past as the U.S. government continues attempts to balance national security concerns with protection of individual liberties? **Space is limited and reservations are required for this program. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.**

Emmy Lou Packard: Drawing New Conclusions in the Kaiser Shipyards

11/21 at 11:00 AM (1 hour)

Lincoln Cushing, Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources archivist and historian, will present a slideshow about Emmy Lou Packard's unique illustrations in the Kaiser Richmond employee magazine, "Fore 'n' Aft." Packard's artwork will be on display at the Visitor Center until January 2016. **Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.**

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Saturdays continued...

Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"
11/21 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45-minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.

Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager
11/28 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)

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